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THURSDAY
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Shirley and Stanley Woodward called on me this afternoon. Stanley is now Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee. They are going for a short stay to their place in Austria, near Salzburg.

Audrey arrived by TWA this morning with Eugénie Thayer. She looks [redacted] well.

I talked to Harold Callender, who is naturally confused over the many contradictory comments as to what was decided at the meeting of the Benelux Foreign Ministers.

We had dinner tonight at the Cercle Interallié, where we were guests at Paule and Jean de Beaumont's table. I sat between Madame Edgar Faure and Simone Jacquinot. There were about 250 people for dinner and at its conclusion there was wonderful music from hunting horns at the end of the garden, succeeded by uncommonly good fireworks. From there, we went to the Lopez ball in Neuilly. This was, without any exception, the finest display of good taste -- highly expensive -- in a party I have ever seen. The flowers there are always quite extraordinary, but the gardens were still further embellished tonight by trick lighting and the addition of mountains of cut flowers, as well as [redacted] whole hedges and hundreds of yards of plants put in for this occasion.

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